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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator	Ira E. Elliott
Clerk	W. W. Eastman
Selectmen,	W. J. Yeaton, John Boutin, Herman Morrill
Treasurer	John E. Cox
Collector	Floyd J. Hutchins
Supervisors,	F. J. Hutchins, V. A. Brooks, H. H. Elliott
Sexton	Charles C. Tyler
Road Agents	Alfred U. Mardin, E. T. Page
Surveyors of Wood and Lumber	Floyd Hutchins, G. N. Belyea
Library Trustees	W. J. Yeaton, W. W. Eastman, John Cox
Trustees of Trust Funds	W. J. Yeaton, W. W. Eastman, John Cox
School Board	E. J. Yeaton, I. E. Elliott, Ione Cox
Auditor	N. Burke
Constable	N. Burke
Fence Viewers	Victor A. Brooks, K. L. Howe
Librarian	W. W. Eastman
Poundkeeper	J. E. Cox

TOWN WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Benton in the County of Grafton in said state qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Benton on the tenth day of March next at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees and Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 3. To choose one Selectman for three years.

Article 4. To choose one or more Highway Agents for the ensuing year not to exceed three.

Article 5. To choose one Library Trustee for three years.

Article 6. To choose one Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years.

Article 7. To choose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 8. To choose a Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

Article 9. To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

Article 10. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintaining of the town highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

Article 11. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for state aid maintenance for the ensuing year.

Article 12. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for State Aid construction for the ensuing year.

Article 13. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for Trunk Line maintenance for the ensuing year.

Article 14. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise to pay on debt and interest.

Article 15. To see if town will vote to keep certain highways in suitable condition as far as possible for automobiles during winter, and if so to see what action Town will take regarding equipment suitable for this purpose, and to vote necessary sums of money.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to construct, rebuild, resurface or repair a part of the highway leading from Churchill's Corner in the direction of Tunnell Stream Bridge, and if so voted to designate what portion, and vote the necessary money for same.

Article 17. To see what action Town will take regarding water boxes in the town.

Article 18. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for Memorial Day.

Article 19. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for other town charges for the ensuing year.

Article 20. To see if Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money on the credit of the Town until such time as the taxes may be collected.

Article 21. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise to fight Blister Rust.

Article 22. To see what action Town will take on purchasing proper tools for fighting fires, and to vote necessary sum of money.

Article 23. To choose all other Town Officers and transact all other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this fifth day of February 1931.

W. J. YEATON,
JOHN BOUTIN,
HERMAN MORRILL,
Selectmen of Benton, N. H.

A True Copy. Attest:

W. J. YEATON,
JOHN BOUTIN,
HERMAN MORRILL,
Selectmen of Benton, N. H.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the ensuing year, Feb. 1, 1931 to Feb. 1, 1932. Compared with actual Revenue and Expenditures of the previous year, Feb. 1, 1930 to Feb. 1, 1931.

Sources of Revenue	Actual Revenue 1930	Estimated Revenue 1931
From State:		
Nat'l Forest Reserve	$ 558 94	$ 558 94
Railroad Tax	48 67	48 67
Savings Bank Tax	51 21	51 21
Bounties	89 60	150 00
For Fighting Forest Fires		15 60
For Highways:		
(a) State Aid Maint.	293 75	400 00
Interest and Dividend Tax	19 57	19 57
Abatement State Tax	413 01	413 01
From Local Sources except Taxes:		
All Licenses and Permits except Dog Licenses	303 59	303 59
Dog Licenses	49 00	49 00
From Poll Taxes:		
From other taxes except property taxes	176 00	150 00
Income Trust Funds	433 60	250 00
Revenue Applicable only to New Construction and Improvements:		
From State:		
State Aid Highway Const.		485 00
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:		
Notes in Anticipation of taxes	1,500 00	2,500 00
Amt raised by Prop. Taxes	5,541 44	5,541 44
Total Revenues	$9,478 38	$10,935 93

Purposes of Expenditures	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1930	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1931
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town Reports and Trans of Deeds	$ 37 85	$ 37 85
Town Officers' Salaries	306 75	300 00
Town Officers' Expenses	157 02	300 00
Election and Registra. Exp.	80 00	15 00
Preamble Town Lines— Haverhill & Benton	47 42	
Care and Supplies, Town Hall	8 84	
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Bounties	73 80	150 00
Care of Tramps	1 90	
Fighting Forest Fires	31 20	31 20
Blister Rust	99 69	100 00
Health Department	5 00	5 00
Vital Statistics	5 00	5 00
Highways and Bridges:		
State Aid Maintenance:		
State's Contribution	293 75	500 00
Town's Contribution	572 00	235 00
Trunk Line Maintenance:		
Town's Contribution	335 40	300 00
Town Maintenance	960 01	700 00
Gravel 1929—Construction	24 60	
Libraries	12 00	12 00
Memorial Day	19 00	19 00
Cemeteries	79 00	79 00
Interest — On Temporary Loans	27 76	50 00
Interest — On Long Term Notes	75 00	75 00

Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:		
Highways and Bridges:		
New Bridges and Culverts	269 68	
Re-railing	406 72	
Water Boxes	9 00	3 00
Indebtedness:		
Payment on Principal of Debt:		
Temporary Loans	1,500 00	2,500 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
State Taxes	499 20	499 20
County Taxes	475 34	475 34
Payments to School Districts	1,450 00	1,000 00
Total Expenditures	$7,862 93	$7,391 59

INVENTORY

Town of Benton

Lands and Buildings	$155,304 00
Electric Plants, Poles, Wires and Fixtures	17,625 00
Horses, 40	4,625 00
Oxen, 2	200 00
Cows, 103	10,715 00
Other Neat Stock, 69	4,220 00
Fowls, 79	79 00
Wood and Lumber, etc.	6,324 00
Gasoline Pumps, 1	250 00
Total	$199,342 00

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report of the Town of Benton for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1931

ASSETS

Cash on hand:		$2,395 04
Due from State:		
Bounties		71 20
Forest Fires account		15 60
Taxes not collected:		
Levy of 1928		6 02
Levy of 1929		18 11
Levy of 1930		811 54
Total Assets		$3,317 51
Net Debt, Jan. 31, 1930		767 59
Surplus, Jan. 31, 1931		801 38
Decrease of debt		1,568 97

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by the Town:		
Due to School Districts:		
Dog licenses		$49 00
Balance of appropriation		470 86
Forest Reserve		279 47
Trust Funds		216 80
Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
Bridge on Benton Flats		1,500 00
Total Liabilities		$2,516 13
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)		801 38
Grand Total		$3,317 51

RECEIPTS

From Local Taxes:		
Committed to collector, 1930	$5,541 44	
Less uncollected, 1930	759 54	
Property taxes collected		4,781 90

Poll taxes collected @ $2.00	176 00
Property & poll taxes, previous years actually collected	271 85
From State:	
State Aid maintenance	293 75
Interest and dividend tax	19 57
Railroad tax	48 67
Savings bank tax	51 21
Abatement State tax	413 01
Bounties	89 60
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:	
Dog licenses	49 00
Income from trust funds	433 60
Registration of motor vehicles, 1931	172 76
Registration of motor vehicles, 1931	130 83
National forest reserve	558 94
Total Current Revenue Receipts	$7,490 69
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:	
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	1,500 00
Total Receipts from All Sources	$8,990 69
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1930	1,267 28
Grand Total	$10,257 97

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:	
General Government:	
Town Officers' salaries	$ 306 75
Town Officers' expenses	157 02
Election and registration expenses	80 00
Preamble Town lines—Haverhill & Benton	47 42
Expenses town hall & other town buildings	8 84
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Care of tramps	1 90
Forest fires	31 20
Blister Rust	99 69

Bounties		73 80
Health:		
Health department		5 00
Vital statistics		5 00
Highways and Bridges:		
State Aid maintenance		865 75
Trunk Line maintenance		335 40
Town maintenance		960 01
Watering troughs		9 00
Libraries		12 00
Memorial Day exercises		19 00
Cemeteries		79 00
Town Reports and Deeds Transfers		37 85
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		$3,134 63
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	27 76	
Paid on long term notes	75 00	
Total Interest Payments		102 76
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:		
Bridges and Culverts	269 68	
Re-railing Spec. Appri, $500.	406 72	
Gravel part of $400 year 1929	24 60	
Total Outlay Payments		701 00
Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes		1,500 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Taxes paid to State	499 20	
Taxes paid to County	475 34	
Payments to School Districts	1,450 00	
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		2,424 54

Total Payments for all Purposes	$7,862 93
Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1931	$2,395 04
Grand Total	$10,257 97

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$2,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	200 00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	200 00
Furniture and Equipment	50 00
Highway Equipment	350 00
Highway Materials, 73 lbs. of spikes left from re-railing	4 56
Schools, Lands, Buildings and Equipment	1,800 00
Total	$4,604 56

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

W. J. Yeaton, Selectman	$64 75
John Boutin, Selectman	43 75
Herman Morrill, Selectman	38 50
I. E. Elliott, Auditor	3 50
W. W. Eastman, Clerk	60 75
F. J. Hutchins, Collector	55 25
N. Burke, Constable	3 50
John Cox, Treasurer	36 75
Total	$306 75

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

W. J. Yeaton, Selectman	$73 80
John Boutin, Selectman	44 00
Herman Morrill Selectman	8 60

W. W. Eastman, Clerk	25 62
F. J. Hutchins, Collector	5 00
Total	$157 02

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Herman Morrill, Ballot Clerk	$3 00
H. H. Elliott, Supervisor	16 50
F. J. Hutchins, Supervisor	18 00
N. Burke, Ballot Clerk	3 00
A. U. Mardin, Ballot Clerk	3 50
Lee Collins, Ballot Clerk	3 00
Joseph Boutin, Jr., Ballot Clerk	6 00
John Cox, Ballot Clerk	9 00
Victor Brooks, Supervisor	18 00
Total	$80 00

TREASURER'S REPORT

From 1929 taxes		$271 85
From 1930 taxes		4,957 90
From Bank Loans		1,500 00
From the State:		
State Aid Maintenance	$293 75	
Abatement of State Tax	413 01	
Railroad Tax	48 67	
Savings Bank Tax	51 21	
Int. and Dividend Tax	19 57	
Bounties repaid	89 60	
Total from State		$915 81
From National Forest Reserve		558 94
From local sources other than taxes		786 19
Balance in Treasury Feb. 1, 1930		1,267 28

Total from all sources	$10,257 97
Selectmen's orders paid	7,862 93
Balance in Treasury, Feb. 1, 1931	2,395 04

Of the balance in Treasury $1016.13 is due the School District. Debt of Town is $1500.00, note held by Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank.

JOHN E. COX, Treasurer.

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Alfred U. Mardin, Road Agent

February — Snow removal		$56 00
March — Snow removal		14 49
March — Repairs to road machine		3 30
	Month of April:	
5	A. U. Mardin, 3 hrs.	1 17
	A. U. Mardin and team, ½ day	3 50
5	E. A. Mardin, ½ day	1 75
7	E. A. Mardin, 4 hours	1 56
11	A. U. Mardin, 6 hrs.	2 34
11	F. J. Hutchins, 1 day	3 50
12	A. U. Mardin, 3 hrs.	1 17
12	E. A. Mardin, 3 hrs.	1 17
14	A. U. Mardin and team, 6 hrs.	4 68
14	R. Dexter and team, 6 hrs.	4 68
14	C. C. Hill, 6 hrs.	2 34
21	A. U. Mardin, 3 hrs.	1 17
21	C. C. Hill, 3 hrs.	1 17
23	A. U. Mardin, auto to Plymouth	8 50
24	A. U. Mardin, 2 hrs.	78
24	C. C. Hill, 2 hrs.	78
28	A. U. Mardin and team, 1 day	7 00
28	R. Dexter and team, ½ day	3 50
29	R. Dexter and team, 8 hours	6 24
29	A. U. Mardin and team, 8 hrs.	6 24
29	Howard Tyler, 1 day	3 50

30	A. U. Mardin and team, ½ day	3 50
30	R. Dexter and team, ½ day	3 50
30	Howard Tyler, ½ day	1 75
	Month of May:	
7	A. U. Mardin and truck, 10½ hours	11 60
	R. Dexter, 10½ hrs.	4 08
8	A. U. Mardin and team, 1 day	7 00
	R. Dexter and team, 1 day	7 00
9	A. U. Mardin and team, 1 day	7 00
	R. Dexter and team, 1 day.	7 00
8 & 9	C. C. Hill, 2 days & 2 hrs.	7 78
8 & 9	Lester Noxon, 2 days	7 00
28	A. U. Mardin and truck, ½ day	5 00
	Harry Rines, ½ day	1 75
29	A. U. Mardin and truck, ½ day	5 00
	Harry Rines, ½ day	1 75
	Month of June:	
5	A .U. Mardin and truck, ½ day	5 00
	R. Dexter, ½ day	1 75
6	A. U. Mardin and truck, ½ day	5 00
	R. Dexter, ½ day	1 75
7 to 17	A. U. Mardin and truck, 5½ days	55 00
	R. Dexter, 5½ days	19 25
18 to 30	A. U. Mardin and team, 5 days	35 00
	R. Dexter and team, 4½ days	31 50
	John Cox, horses	19 25
	Harry Rines, 6 days	21 00
	F. J. Hutchins, 1 day	3 50
	E. A. Mardin, 1 day	3 50
	C. C. Hill, 2 hrs.	78
	Repairs to road machine	50
	A. U. Mardin and truck, 4 days	40 00
	R. Dexter, 4 days	14 00
	Month of August:	
14 to 23	A. U. Mardin and C. C. Hill, cutting brush	11 25
	A. U. Mardin and truck, 5 days and 2 hrs.	52 22
	C. C. Hill, 5 days and 2 hrs.	18 28

	R. Dexter, 4 days	14 00
	Harry Rines, 4 days	14 00
	Month of September:	
1 and 6	A. U. Mardin and truck, 4½ days	45 00
	E. A. Mardin and team	8 75
	C. C. Hill, 5 days	17 50
	Harry Rines, 4 days	14 00
	R. Dexter, 4 days	14 00
	Month of October:	
1 to 4	A .U. Mardin and truck, 2 days	20 00
	A. U. Mardin, 2 days	7 00
	133 loads gravel	19 95
	Tree, Mrs. Dexter	1 00
	3 posts, bolts and road signs	3 50
	Month of November:	
3	A. U. Mardin and truck, ½ day	5 00
	Lester Noxon, ½ day	1 75
	E. A. Mardin, ½ day	1 75
	Month of January:	
6 & 7	R. Tewksbury and team, 1 day	
	Snow removal	7 00
	John Cox, horses, 2 days, snow removal	7 00
	C. C. Hill, 2 days, snow removal	7 00
	I. E. Elliott and team, 1½ days	
	Snow removal	10 50
	A. U. Mardin and team, 2 days	
	Snow removal	14 00
	John Boutin and team, ½ day	
	Snow removal	3 50
20 to 24	A. U. Mardin and team, 4 days	
	Snow removal	28 00
	John Cox, horses	10 50
	I. E. Elliott and team, 4 days	28 00
	F. J. Hutchins and team, ½ day	3 50
	F. J. Rollins, 3 days	10 50
	Total	$876 53

Ernest T. Page, Road Agent

May 24	Joe Prue road in 1929	$31 88
Dec. 30	Expended on highways, 1930	51 60
		83 48

New Bridge & Culvert Construction on Town Highways

Expended by Alfred U. Mardin

May 3	A. U. Mardin and truck, 1 day	6 50
	R. Tewksbury, 1 day	3 50
	R. Dexter, 1 day	3 50
May 21 to 26		
	A. U. Mardin and trucks, 3 days	30 00
	A. U. Mardin, 1 day	3 50
	R. Dexter, 4 days	14 00
	Harry Rines, 4 days	14 00
	F. J. Hutchins, 3 days	10 50
	15 loads gravel	2 25
	R. Dexter, logs	7 50
June 1	A. U. Mardin and truck, 1 day	10 00
	Harry Rines, 1 day	3 50
	R. Dexter, 1 day	3 50
	Bernard Cox, 1 day	3 50
June 7	A. U. Mardin and truck	8 00
	Harry Rines, 1 day	3 50
	R. Dexter, 1 day	3 50
June 20 to 23		
	A. U. Mardin and truck, 1 day	10 00
	A. U. Mardin, plank	10 88
	R. Dexter, 1 day	3 50
	Harry Rines, 1 day	3 50
	F. J. Hutchins, 2 days	7 00
	Roland McKean, 1½ days	5 25
August 13 and 14		
	A. U. Mardin and truck, 2 days	20 00
	R. Dexter and team, 1 day	7 00
	R. Dexter, 1 day	3 50
	Harry Rines, 2 days	7 00
	C. C. Hill, 2 days	7 00

Plank	16 80
August 28 A. U. Mardin, 1 day	3 50
Harry Rines, 1 day	3 50
September 8 A. U. Mardin and truck, 1 day	10 00
Harry Rines, 1 day	3 50
C. C. Hill, 1 day	3 50
R. Dexter, 1 day	3 50
Logs	10 00
Total	$269 68

$500.00 — Special Appropriation for Re-railing

John Boutin, 125 posts	$43 75
Napoleon Boutin, 4 days labor	14 00
Floyd Hutchins, 4½ days labor	15 75
John Boutin, truck to Woodsville for plank	10 00
John Boutin, 3½ days labor	12 25
Lester Noxon, 10½ days labor	36 75
Joseph Boutin Sr., 30 posts	10 50
Floyd Rollins, 3½ days labor	12 25
Edw. McKensie, plank for rail	49 00
C. C. Hill, 9 days	31 50
Lester Noxon, 5½ days	19 00
C. C. Hill, 5½ days labor	19 00
C. C. Hill, 1 paint brush	1 00
Herman Morrill, 3 days labor	10 50
Harry Rines, 17 posts	2 89
N. H. Highway Dept., paint for railing	27 72
Walter Burbeck & Son, plank	77 96
W. J. Yeaton, truck to Franconia for plank	9 00
W. J. Yeaton, truck distributing plank	3 90
Total	$406 72

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Report of Dog License issued in 1930:

3 Females	$15 00
14 Males	34 00
Total	$49 00

WILLIAM W. EASTMAN, Town Clerk.

LIBRARY REPORT

Books in Library	300
Books in Circulation	125

FINANCIAL REPORT, TOWN LIBRARY

Cash on hand	$52 62
Due from Town, amount raised in years 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, $3.00 per year	15 00
	$67 62

WILLIAM W. EASTMAN, Librarian.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, ON JANUARY 31, 1931

Date	Name of Fund	Name of Donor	How Invested	Amt.	Rate	Inc.
1897	Ira Whitcher	Ira Whitcher	U S Liberty Bond	500 00	4¼ %	42 50
1910	Chas. Whitcher & Edward F. Mann	Elvah G Mann	U S Liberty Bond	500 00	4¼ %	42 50
1910	Chas. Whitcher & Edward F. Mann	Elvah G Mann	U S Liberty Bond	1,000 00	4¼ %	85 00
1910	Chas. Whitcher & Edward F. Mann	Elvah G Mann	U S Liberty Bond	1,750 00	4¼ %	148 76
1910	Chas. Whitcher & Edward F. Mann	Elvah G Mann	U S Liberty Bond	1,750 00	4¼ %	148 74
1917	L H Parker	L H Parker	2 acres of land	300 00	Rent	10 00
1919	J C Speed	Return from State	Lisbon Savings Bank	134 74	4½ %	12 20
1921	Samuel Whitcher and Wm. Kendall	Betsey S Kendall	Lisbon Savings Bank	200 00	4½ %	18 13
1924	William F Taisey	Milo H Annis & wife	Lisbon Savings Bank	50 00	4½ %	4 56
1924	Jonathan Davis	Milo H Annis & wife	Lisbon Savings Bank	50 00	4½ %	4 54
1924	Samuel Davis	Milo H Annis & wife	Lisbon Savings Bank	50 00	4½ %	4 56
1930	George H Clark	George H Clark	Lisbon Savings Bank	200 00	4½ %	

The total income from Trust Funds for the year 1930 was $521.54 of which $433.60 was turned over to Town Treasurer for proper distribution to Highways, Schools and care of Lots. The balance of $87.94 is made up of interest due on bank books not drawn, now in Lisbon Savings Bank.

JOHN E. COX, Treasurer of Trust Funds of Benton.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector and find them correctly cast and properly vouched and there remains in the hands of the Treasurer Feb. 1, 1931, $2,395.04.

NAPOLEON BURKE, Auditor.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton:

I herewith present my first annual report as superintendent of schools.

During the year 1929-1930 the total enrollment was 23; the per cent of attendance, 91.26; pupils not absent nor tardy, 1; cases of tardiness, 4; school visits by board members, 2; by superintendent, 16; by citizens, 51. In addition to those in the town school the district paid tuition for 1 high school and 8 elementary pupils attending school in other towns.

The pupil on the roll for perfect attendance was Roger Carr; those promoted from the eighth grade to high school, Roland McKean and Clifton Tewksbury.

This year the enrollment has been 20. The teacher is Mrs. Ruby C. Beecher. I think the work is progressing well. There are, however, two improvements to the building which would add to the comfort and welfare of the children. These are storm windows for the north west side and more sanitary toilets connected with the school house itself.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD A. JANES.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1931-1932

School District of Benton, N. H.

School Board's statement of amounts required to support Public Schools and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1931.

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

Support of Schools		
Teachers' salaries	$950 00	
Text books	25 00	
Scholars' supplies	20 00	
Flags and appurtenances	4 00	
Other expenses of instruction	6 00	
Janitor service	36 00	
Fuel	40 00	
Water, light, janitor's supplies	10 00	
Minor repairs and expenses	25 00	
Health supervision (medical insp.)	28 00	
Transportation of pupils	216 00	
Payment of elementary tuitions	360 00	
		$1,720 00
Other Statutory Requirements		
Salaries of district officers	33 00	
School census	6 00	
Payment of tuitions in high schools and academies	192 00	
Superintendent's excess salary	63 00	
Per capita tax	60 00	
		$354 00
Total amount required to meet School Board's budget		$2,074 00

Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1931 (estimate)	$250 00
State Aid (Dec. 1931 allotment)	250 00

Dog tax (estimate)	36 00	
Income from trust funds (estimate)	93 00	
Elementary school tuition receipts (estimate)	72 00	
Other estimated income	217 58	
		$918 58
Assessment required to balance School Board's budget		$1,155 42
Special appropriations proposed (Articles in Warrant)		
Deficiency appropriation		$400 00
Total assessment required to cover Budget and Appropriations		$1,555 42

IRA E. ELLIOTT,
EDITH J. YEATON,
IONE A. COX,
School Board.

Benton, N. H., February 4, 1931.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial report of the Town of Benton School District for the last fiscal year, ending June 30, 1930.

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, June 30, 1929	$498 37	
Elementary school tuitions	24 00	
From taxation	1,150 00	
From the state	253 85	
		$1,926 22

PAYMENTS

Salaries of district officers	$28 00
Superintendent's excess salary	70 00
Expense of administration	4 00
Teacher's salaries	906 68
Text books	35 12
Scholars supplies	23 48
Flag and appurtenances	2 88
Other expenses of instruction	4 00
Janitor's service	36 00

Fuel	80 62	
Janitor's supplies	2 40	
Minor repairs and expenses	16 00	
Health supervision	22 50	
Transportation of pupils	216 00	
High school tuition	96 00	
Elementary school tuition	283 00	
Per capita tax	50 00	
		$1,876 68
Cash on hand June 30, 1930		49 54
Grand Total		$1,926 22

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT, Treasurer.

BENTON MARRIAGE RECORD

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1930

Carl G. Eastman of Benton, 30, and Catherine C. Dexter of Benton, 27, by Rev. B. F. McIntire of Haverhill on March 29, 1930. The groom's parents, Wylie I. Eastman and Lulu M. Collins. The bride's parent, Steven H. Dexter. Groom plumber, bride housewife.

I certify that the above return is correct according the best of my knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM W. EASTMAN, Town Clerk.

BENTON DEATH RECORD

For the Year Ending December 31, 1930

Guy Richards, died Feb 28, at State Sanitarium, interred Rochester, N. H.

Jennie E. Hutchins, died June 4 at home in Benton, interred at Haverhill, N. H.

Ella H. Parker, died June 6 at Manchester, N. H., interred at Benton, N. H.

Walter Edward Kearney, died July 25 at West Roxbury, buried in Massachusetts.

Edward J. Shanchan, died July 26 at State Sanitarium, buried at Manchester, N. H.

John Alfred Hawkes, died Aug. 17 at State Sanitarium, buried at Concord, N. H.

Stella C. Dexter, died Oct. 27 at home in Benton, buried in Benton, N. H.

Clara E. Matt, died Dec. 1, at State Sanitarium, buried at East Rochester, N. H.

Thomas Bresnahan, died Dec. 10 at State Sanitarium, buried at Manchester, N. H.

I hereby certify that above returns of deaths is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM W. EASTMAN, Town Clerk.

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